

Ms. A. 9.2.24.53

to put in Dr. Sturge's committee. have mentioned the names array the drawers, a box, I think Mrs. Chapman's parents will be very anxious

Poplar St. Dec 12.

Tuesday Evening
9 o'clock

Caroline

It is late & I can

not think till 5 minutes
Hester piled tomorrow
that we ought to write, as it is
a month since you have heard. And
first in proportion we are all well
& shall I hope get through the fair
without any ultimate detriment to life
& limb, though it is such a dreadful
fay, that all my time I am
exercising my brain to think if the money
cannot be raised in some easier way,
Your letters containing the accounts of
the boxes reached us safely last week, the
Hester having an unusually long passage
I had arrived in town the day before
& L. & P. had gone to the Library to stay
a week or so. Mr King's boy who charged
to be in town, went to the P. O. & got the
letters out, & I sent them to D. the next day
by mail. If the boxes do not arrive,
the accounts of them were very promising
indeed and I was glad of the prospect
of them that you wrote, as I am
glad at such thing. Today I had a
letter from Gray begging me to mention
Mrs Chapman as that he had received her
letter & would do as she directed. Things
for look very well for the fair and
our affairs are all in good train. We have
received from abroad 6 boxes.

*the contents of the boxes are
sent to the fair
the boxes are*

One from Glasgow, large & beautiful as
usual. 1 from Edinburgh ditto enclosing
a fine collection of shells from Kirkcaldy
& £28 ^{worth} from E. Peare who is at present
in Edinburgh with the brigams, writes
he has sent you & did not receive his
letter as she was away from home. She
will write as soon as she gets his address.
1 box from Leeds, a very handsome
many beautiful things such as Hamilton
Doric. 1 box from Pent. pretty. 1 box
from Dublin, small & containing nothing
very special, but all did very well.
A most beautiful box of De la Rue's
paper & a few other things in that line
the finest box we have had. There was
£28 worth, this may 25 was ordered. By
the way write & tell me just how matters
stand about that paper. Is it a gift
from Webb or as Deborah says, is part of
it a gift & part the money due them
from Dublin for dits & standards. also write
what notice is to be taken of the Irish
now? Mind answer this. The Bristol box
is on its way in a sailing vessel, think
to Mary Carpenter's fall, but the Capt to be
sure takes it for nothing; the Bridgewater
box is also on its way thro N. Y. in another
sailing vessel, but we can do without
either. The Cork box left in the steamer of
the 2^d of Dec. & will probably come as we did
last year. The diberny shell is in Baigys's
hand & he says Davis's shells will be ready

in time. I fear these may be a good
many misprints & mistakes in the Bee
as of course the proof was corrected at
very great disadvantage, but I do not
care any how. I cannot worry about it.
I was sorry that Rushton's letter did
not follow Webb's article as it should.
I gave the order right, but some how
it was not done. You will see what
I mean when you see the book. The
proof is better than sometimes, but there
is no distinguished piece of poetry like
Miss Barrett's. I have succeeded extremely
well in getting money, & after the Fair
will send you a full account.
All the usual arrangements are in
train as to notes, placards, Repertories
table, Green etc & affairs look flourishing.
We open Wed the 20th not Thursday as
you arranged. I did not see why we
should lose a day. Mr May is very
helpful, exerts himself to the utmost
& the Sargents do all for us that they
can & are kind rep. truly. We begin to
mark the things, at Faneuil Hall
Thursday. I fear the Paris things may
not arrive, but I repeat, I cannot
worry. I transmitted Maria's note to
Mr Follen by mail. I met her in
the street several days after, but she
had been staying in town & had not
got it - she was looking pretty well, but
seemed a little cast down about her
health. After the Fair, we agreed to
make up a bundle to send you. She had
some books & I should want to send
Adelty Bells.

The Bells for the Bishop & the Earl of
Cornwall I had best send to you. Who
shall I send the charge of the Bells to
& will it be best to write in any
of them & if so what? Give any
necessary directions about all these
matters & I will not send off the box
till I hear from you. Every body
seem disposed to help & do their part
but if Emma is gone next year, I
really wish some other way might
be invented. Another thing. Shall
we pay Devereux for his Board. He is
very civil & polite & we seem to think
we ought to pay him. For my part
I don't think we ought to afford such
handsome plewards. I am willing
to pay him & then not use the Board
but put up with ordinary plewards.
He behaves very well, but Prentiss is
ever prone to pay him. Temper is all we
could wish. Mr & Mrs are to be here
and decretion & Susan. Miss & Emma
will come in from Brookline on
Thursday to mark. I believe they are
having a very good time there, the
driving being extremely good of them
I am sorry about Emma but shall
wait Mrs of course, till we see Waver
I cannot help hoping that God's
death may be of some advantage
to Waver's business arrangements.

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Dec 13.

all well, amc affairs
in full tide rushing toward
the Fair. I trust we shall
be supported & I do not worry
about the result. Write as soon as you
get this & answer all my
queries. yrs ever A. W. ^{coming} ~~com~~

I saw my he made like the
bunch, much. I was after
allied or, I was almost
in money in the
needful. That is